



If you had a regulated handgun prior to October 1, 2013, you must apply for the Handgun Qualification License. But, you are exempt from the training component.

### ***What Is Handgun License Qualification Training?***

Handgun Qualification License training consists of four hours of classroom teaching on state firearm legislation, home firearm safety, pistol mechanics and operation, and a component in which the candidate must demonstrate the ability to properly discharge a handgun.

Maryland State Police Certified Handgun Instructors who have registered with the Maryland State Police MyLicense/e-gov site deliver authorised HQL training programmes.

Before applying for a Handgun Qualification License, you must first complete three years of training.



## ***Who is required to carry a handgun license in Maryland?***

From October 1, 2013, no one may buy, rent, or obtain a handgun unless they have a valid Maryland State Police Handgun Qualification License (HQL).

## **Exemptions**

A Handgun Qualification License is not required for an application if the applicant is:

1. A registered manufacturer of weapons.
2. An active police officer or a retired officer from a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency in the United States.
3. People from the United States armed forces or the National Guard are exempted be it serving or former.
4. A person who purchases, rents, or gets an antique, curio, or relic as defined by federal law or Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives judgements.





***There is also a rules for the individuals who are not supposed undergo training or not supposed to get trained again and again.***

Those who must hold a Handgun Qualifying License but are exempt from the training component:

1. Have completed a Maryland State Police-approved firearms safety course (MSP).
2. Have passed a firearms and hunter safety course and earned a competency certificate from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
3. Is a current licensed firearms instructor.
4. Is a member of the United States Military Services or the National Guard who has been honorably discharged.
5. Has a valid MSP Wear and Carry Permit and works for an armoured vehicle company.
6. Is legally in possession of a regulated weapon. If you acquired a regulated firearm before October 1, 2013, you are exempt from the training requirements and are eligible to apply for the Handgun Qualification License.

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